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TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF GANG AND NARCOTICS DIVISION K9 BLOODHOUND PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

The purpose of this Notice is to establish the guidelines and notification procedure for requesting the deployment of the Gang and Narcotics Division (GND), K-9 bloodhounds.

Effective immediately, the GND K-9 Unit will be responsible for the maintenance and deployment of the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) bloodhounds. The bloodhounds can be deployed as an investigative tool in a variety of criminal investigations such as homicides, robberies, assaults, and rapes, and violent crimes against persons. They can also be deployed to search for missing persons.

> **Note:** Metropolitan Division's K-9 Unit continues to be responsible for the search for fleeing suspects possibly contained in a perimeter, searches based on the fear scent of the person being searched for and all suspects that are possibly armed.

A timely request for the response of a bloodhound is critical to maximize the opportunity for the canine to be successful at picking up scent since bloodhounds are tracking/trailing canines capable of following scent left behind by a human. The scent remains viable for a limited time depending on various atmospheric and environmental conditions.

Bloodhounds can detect scent from various sources such as, but not limited to: backpacks, hats, shirts, shoes, windowsills, door knobs, car seats, weapons, articles of clothing and other objects that were touched or worn by the person being searched for. The bloodhounds can also detect scent from biological fluids such as the blood, semen, or saliva of the person.

> **Note:** It is critically important to minimize the contamination of the scent article the canine will use to establish the search scent. The search scent article should be left *undisturbed*, if possible, until the arrival of the K-9 Bloodhound Unit.

The two main requirements for response of a bloodhound are the presence of a viable scent article and the last known location of the person being searched for. Gang and Narcotics

Division personnel may require additional information to determine the appropriateness of a response. Normal operating hours for Gang and Narcotics Division's K-9 Unit is 0600 hours to 2400 hours.

PROCEDURES:

To request the response of a Department bloodhound during working hours call the GND K-9 Office at (323) 226-1615. To request the response of a Department bloodhound during off hours and weekends call Real Time Analysis and Critical Response Division, at (213) 484-6700.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact GND, at (213) 833-3700.

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